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AN IMAGE SEARCHING SYSTEM AND IMAGE SEARCHING METHOD, AND
A RECORDING MEDIUM STORING AN IMAGE SEARCHING PROGRAM

the specification of which (X) is attached hereto;
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